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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Regional Office I 383 Wyoming Avenue Kingston, Pennoylvania October 17, 1966

Lurgan Corporation White Haven, Pennsylvania 18661

. Attention: Kenneth H. Oibson President

Gentlemen:

Your letter of October 11, 1966 regarding the installation of four (4) sweat furnaces has been received in this office.

The information in your letter indicates that the units will be process units only. The installation of this type of unit is not presently regulated by the Air Pollution Commission or the Department of Health. Such regulation is however in the process of being adopted through amendment of the Commission's Regulation III. As things now stand, the Commission and the Department would become involved with these units only as a result of an air pollution problem being created.

In conjunction with the concern for the creation of a problem, your company should be advised that the emissions from lead recovery type furnaces have often been the source of air pollution problems experienced by farming areas. This is being mentioned because of your plant's rural location. The problem has usually been the result of lead furn affecting comportial vegetation and livestock. This is offered for your information and consideration only.

To restate the position of the Department and the Air Pollution Commission: the approval of process units is not required under the present air pollution control regulation of the Commonwealth.

If this office can be of any further pervice, please advise.

Very truly yours,

James W. Chester, Regional Air Pollution Control Engineer

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